

Local Firm Gets Contract for Water Reservoir

Chicago Bridge and Iron, one of the few Torrance firms able to bid on major items in the city's water expansion program, was awarded the contract to construct the one-million-gallon reservoir in North Torrance at last week's meeting of the City Council.

The company's bid of \$41,210 for the job was recommended to the council as the lowest responsible bid. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$42,000.

Construction of the tank—to be located adjacent to McMaster Park at 174th and Yukon—will be delayed until priorities for the steel can be obtained from the federal government.

Neat Man With Sob Story Gives Bouncing Check

Torrance police, especially Sgt. Percy Bennett, are seeking a nice-looking, neat young man who gave a flower clerk a sob story and a worthless check for \$20.

The man signed his name as Clayton L. Crane, gave his address as 17216 Arnie St., and told Virginia Yeltema he wanted to buy some flowers for his wife, who was ill in Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Crane was wrong on at least three counts. The bank bounced his check with "no account" stamped on it; he did not live at 17216 Arnie St., since there is no such address; and his wife, if he has one, is not, nor has she been, ill in Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Sgt. Bennett would like to make him wrong on a fourth count—that of passing bad checks.

He described Crane as 5 ft., 7 in., 30 to 35 years, 145 pounds, dark hair and eyes, and asked that other Torrance merchants who had checks signed by Crane contact Sgt. Bennett at police headquarters, Torrance 400.

Safe Stays Shut So Burglars Take Furniture

Disgruntled burglars who couldn't get into the office safe at the Roadium Theatre last week made off instead with \$5 in cash, a chrome chair, an electric heater and a money changer.

Dale Gaseleger, manager of the drive-in, told Torrance police that when he came to work the knob was broken off the safe and was lying on the floor. The safe, however, resisted the thieves' efforts.

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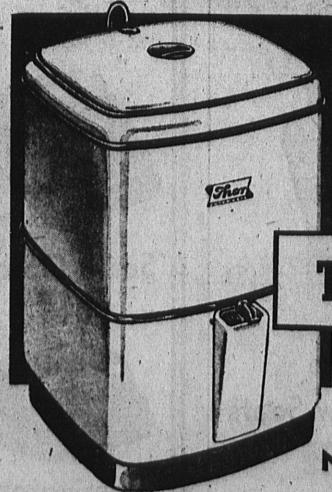
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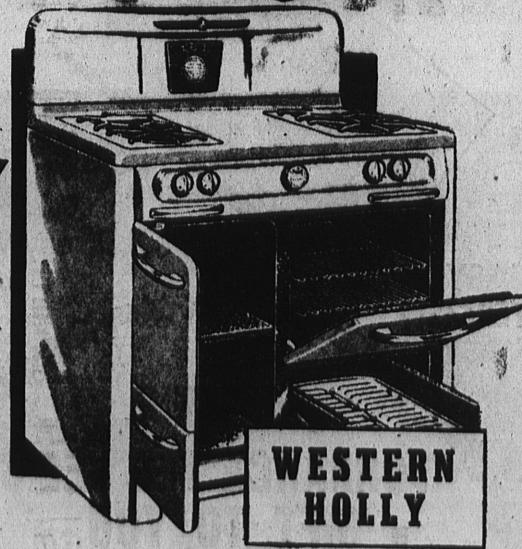


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